

Safety/Security Report

January 27, 2021

The year 2020 brought us unimaginable disasters and emergencies but thank you all for your cooperation in following the mandates issued by Governor Inslee regarding the Covid. There is reason to hope that 2021 will be better.

Recently, an Emergency Planning guide was sent out via email to all residents. While most of that plan includes recommendations and suggestions to individual residents, there is one item that is extremely important. That is that your household submit emergency contacts to the Village Directory via email: safetysecurity@villagesofgarrisoncreek.com. That information is kept confidential unless needed in the case of an emergency. The information provided should include all residents' names for your address (including pets) and emergency contacts. Think about emergency access to your house (house key, garage door code). During the month of January, there have been 2 incidents where this information has been needed and it is complicated when information or access to the home isn't available. The Safety Committee is continuing to think through and determine the best way to gather and streamline this information so it will be easily available when needed.

Other ongoing issues include:

*Speeding: The speed limit is 15 mph. The committee has been and continues to be in contact with the College Place Police Department regarding this issue. Because we are a private community, they do not enforce our speed limits, but we are investigating possible solutions with them.

*Winter has been somewhat mild so far, but there has been some ice and snow on streets, bridges, and sidewalks. Please use extreme caution when walking and driving in the neighborhood. Some areas don't thaw or melt and can be very slick. Signs regarding slick spots have been posted across from the gazebo and a big Thank You to Ray Goff for spreading sand on the bridges.

*Plans have been made to remove the shrubs that are overgrown and limiting the sight lines from the sidewalks and across the streets. This will be a welcome improvement in making it safer to walk and drive around those locations that are "blind spots."

*Your safety and well being in the Villages of Garrison Creek is our first priority. If you have any questions or concerns, please email them to the above address.

